

BARGAINS.

We have just closed out from a leading manufacturer a large lot of \$7.50 and \$10.00 Spring Capes, which we place on sale. Choice,

\$4.98.

One case of 50c. corsets, at the low price of

33c.

Large lot of fine hand embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs, worth 50c. to 75c. Choice,

25c.

BELL'S,
Leading Dry Goods Store,
218 North Main St.

Opera House Block
Shoe Store.

The Lima Times-Democrat

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT PUB. CO.
COUNCIL ROOM, 221 NORTH MAIN STREET

TELEPHONE CALL, No. 84.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 1908

MONEY TO LOAN!

Money loaned for real estate security in sums of \$200 and upwards. Privilege given for quick payment if desired. Remonstrance to have no effect. CALL ON ME.

E. L. GUNN,
Rooms 26 and 27 Opera House Block, Lima, O.

TALES OF THE TOWN.

The Dockstader Minstrels left for Toledo this morning.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Burch is dangerously ill.

O. T. Gillett, graduate of Lima Business College, Telegraph Dept., is now operator at the Erie Junction office.

L. H. Solomon, of South Lima, has purchased the bakery and restaurant of Levi Williams in the Collins block.

The case of State vs. Gao, W. H., charged with selling liquor, milk is being heard before jury in Squire Douglass court.

The W. V. R. R. will meet in regular session this (Wednesday) evening at 7:30 P.M. in the Opera House, 218 North Main Street.

Three tramps broke into a C. H. & D. car on Conductor Esgly's train at Dayton the other night. He fastened them and turned them over to the authorities. They were bound over to the grand jury yesterday.

The funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Hanchett, who died Monday evening, were held from the late residence at No. 702 State Street on Tuesday morning.

The remains were interred in a cemetery about two miles this side of Westerville.

Mr. T. H. Mullens, a sister of the late Mrs. Greenhade, has taken their youngest child to Bellville, while the two older girls are at home, the older son having gone home with his grand mother. Mrs. Greenhade's sister will arrive in a few days to keep house for him until he can secure a housekeeper.

SOCIALLY.

A handsome expensive eucalyptus was given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Howe, at their home in West Indianapolis, in honor of their guest, Mrs. J. W. L. Wiltsie.

The house was tastefully adorned with plants and flowers. The prices were unique. The entertainment was one of the very pleasant affairs of the week.—*Latin-American Journal*.

At the home of her father, Rev. J. N. Smith, a retired Methodist minister, Miss Smith and Rev. T. L. Wiltsie, of Lima, were married. Several years ago, the bride was born of St. Paul's N. E. church of this city. He left here for Colorado when his health failed. After five years spent in the Colorado mountains, he returned to Indiana and accepted the charge of the Trinity M. E. Church, in Indianapolis.

After the wedding this morning, which was colonized by the bride's father, a journey to the World's Fair was begun. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltsie will return to Lima May 12.—*Teddy Bear*.

O'Connor & Sons are issuing cyclone policies at the lowest rates. Telephone 72.

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AWFUL

Will be the Result in the Miami Valley.

The Lowistown Reservoir Bursting It's Banks.

Twenty Feet Washed Out at an Early Hour this Morning.

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There is great uneasiness in the Miami Valley, in which the towns of Sidney, Troy, Piqua, Dayton, Hamilton and smaller towns are located, over the impending danger of a flood, similar to that which visited Johnston.

The Lowistown reservoir is located at the head of the Miami river, which passes through the valley. The heavy rains have caused a great increase in the water level of the river, and the current is very rapid, running about four o'clock, two feet of the bank near the fixed gates, which enter into the river, washed away, and since then the water has been pouring forth and the bank.

GRADUALLY GIVING AWAY under the pressure.

The river, which has been on the rampage and very high, is rising all along the line, and the worst results are yet to come.

At Dayton the levee is being strengthened.

The entire northwestern part of the city is below the level of the river bed and the water is up to the middle of the houses on the top of the levee.

At 11:45 A.M. the water was up to the river from Troy to Hamilton and for several days past the water has been up to the tracks. The company will be heavy losers should the worst come, and there is every indication that it will.

The river has overflowed over 1,000 acres of ground in it, and it is alleged what frightful devastation the water will do.

It was reported here this afternoon that the river was rising rapidly and that a number of persons who lived near the reservoir had been.

DOWNED IN THE FLOOD

when the gates were washed out this morning.

The towns of Lewistown and Newport, in Shelby county, are partially submerged in a large amount of damage done.

The water is too high to be crossed with either of the places and the exact situation cannot be learned. This much is known.

A portion of the bank is washed away and there is imminent danger of an awful flood, if such has not already hap-

pened.

ABOY PEOPLE.

Who They Are, Where They Have Been and Are Going.

Judge Rich is holding court at Sidney.

Miss Fannie Colvin has returned from a visit in Sidney.

R. B. Tolson and wife are home from a visit in Findlay.

Mrs. Judge Lindenmann, of Delphos, was in the city to day.

Geo. McNeille, of 252 Speer road, has returned to Springfield.

Miss May Sullivan has returned from a visit with friends in Sidney.

Chas. Coleen has returned to Chicago after a visit with his children.

Mrs. Mollie Owens and daughter May left for Dunlack today for a visit.

Mrs. W. H. Dakin has returned to her home in Marion, Ind., after a visit here.

Mrs. E. H. Oyer and daughter Catherine left this morning for a visit in Columbus with Mrs. Oyer's parents.

Mrs. S. W. Moore, Mrs. R. L. Estes, and Mr. W. R. McAffrey are the guests of Mrs. Robert Leckey in Findlay, today.

Mrs. Michael Carter and son, of Sidney, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland, of Forest avenue.

Judge Mooney, of St. Marys, was in the city to day on his way home from Van Wert, where he has been holding court.

Mrs. W. E. Davis, of North Elizabeth street, left for Louisville, Ky., to day, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Uyes Price, of that city.

Mrs. Abbie Oglevie, of Columbus Grove, returned home last night after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J. S. Crossley, of East Kirby street.

Mrs. Clappaddle, the mother of Mrs. Price Poage, of West North street, has gone to spend the summer with her son and her mother, who is 84 years old.

Mrs. Jacob F. Bowsher and daughter Vivian, of Crisfield, are visiting her parents, Mrs. Mary and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mowry, of West North street.

THE PROPS

Knocked From Under Lima Girl.

Lima oil took a tumble to-day, the Standard reducing the price from 19 cents to the production of the North Lima field to 17 cents, and the South Lima production to 14 cents per barrel.

The Fladby fakirs can now send out another gobie's story.

The Sun Line Oil Co. drilled in their No. 6 on the Parker farm in Portage township, May 1, 1908, and took 21 hours to make 14,550 ft. of oil.

They take the Victor Oil Co. operating in Indiana, drilled in their Tucker No. 1, in Jackson township, Jay county, Monday, and since that time it has been making at the rate of \$8,000 bbls. per day.

Oil was shipped by the Buckeye Pipe Line. March 31st were 17,577,225.46. The receipts for the month were \$1,065,33, and the total deliveries were 1,300,640.1.

Besler & Vanginton's Promised Answer.

On last Friday a testimonial from Dr. Karl Mertz, for the J. C. Fischer piano appeared in *THE TIMES*. Next day a little article stating that "a Fischer used 2 years and had been exchanged on an Everett" got into the paper.

We know there must be something wrong with that statement and accordingly organized an explanation of the facts in the case. We always aim to keep our promise, so that when we are "old and gray" no such a case will ever occur again.

Parents are invited to come and bring the little folks to see the many very pretty things that will be shown in handsomely trimmed headwear for Misses and Children.

Another Fischer in elegant walnut case left our store room yesterday. Two of Mr. Porter's servants were the spot just as the Fischer reached its destination—but the piano was quite a difference in favor of the Fischer.

So the fact that one woman exchanged a piano of 64 years standing for one of about 1 year, does not hurt nearly as much as Dr. Karl Mertz' testimonial.

We do not claim that the J. C. Fischer is the only good piano now on the market—we will show you the Decker Bros., Haines Bros., and all durable instruments of different tones, to choose from at

Besler & Vanginton's,

533 N. Main Street.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

HELD
In the Sum of Three Hundred Dollars Each.

James and Simmons, the Werst & Plumm Robbers. Bound Over to Common Pleas Court.

The Mayor's office was crowded with people this morning, the colored population being especially well represented, to attend the preliminary hearing given Albert James, Louie Nelson and State Simmons, who were accused by the critics of other cities. It will also be a notable engagement, as it introduces two new stars, old favorites in Lima.

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